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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Atty. Docket: PHD 99,127

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Title: NETWORK COMPRISING A PLURALITY OF NETWORK NODES AND AT LEAST ONE STAR NODE

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Final Office Action dated April 19, 2006, in which Claims 1-12, 14-17, and 19-20 were finally rejected. In order to place this application in condition for allowance or in better form for consideration on appeal, it is respectfully requested that this Amendment be entered as follows: